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1. In early 1950 the governor of Fukien, CHIANG Ting-ch'eng (張鼎丞),* initiated a training program in Communist ideology. More than 5,000 secondary school graduates from various parts of Fukien were recruited and trained at Foochow. Upon the completion of their course, in April, the students were sent back to their native districts as government employees to bolster Communist authority.
2. About 300 students sent into the areas of Nanching (117-31, 24-35), Hsuan (117-31, 25-01), Lungyen (117-02, 25-07), Yungting (116-44, 24-43), Pingho (117-02, 24-14), Lungchi (117-34, 24-02), and Changping (117-35, 25-18), were killed by guerrilla forces. The Communists sent in two unidentified divisions and occupied the seven hsien for more than two months, during which time another 200 students were sent to the area. Immediately after the troops departed, the second student group were also killed.
3. The Communist authorities then sent in one division but no more students. Instead, they permitted the hsien to select their own representatives. The Communist troops were soon withdrawn, since the authorities believed the hsien government was again under Communist control. However, most of the newly-elected personnel are loyal to the local guerrilla leader and do not support the CCP.

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